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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

The Restriction Requirement mailed July 12, 2006, has been received and reviewed.

The Office Action sets forth a restriction requirement under 35 USC §121. Applicant was requested to elect one of two (2) designated groups as briefly noted below:

I. Claims 1 - 14, drawn to an isolated nucleic acid, a fragment thereof, an expression vector comprising said nucleic acid, a host cell thereof, and a method of recombinantly producing the encoded polypeptide, wherein the polypeptide has the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:2, classified in class 435, subclass 69.1.

II. Claims 15-28, drawn to an isolated nucleic acid, a fragment thereof, an expression vector comprising said nucleic acid, a host cell thereof, and a method of recombinantly producing the encoded polypeptide, wherein the polypeptide has the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:5, classified in class 435, subclass 69.1.

In response to the Requirement for Restriction Election, Applicant elects **Group I**, Claims 1 - 14, drawn to an isolated nucleic acid, a fragment thereof, an expression vector comprising said nucleic acid, a host cell thereof, and a method of recombinantly producing the encoded polypeptide, wherein the polypeptide has the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:2, classified in class 435, subclass 69.1.

Early reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims under examination are respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that a telephone interview would expedite prosecution of the above-identified patent application, please call the undersigned at (206) 442-6558.

Respectfully Submitted,



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